"F ONLY STANDS ABOUT SO 'IGH."

Albert Chevalier Is a Regular "Cittle Nipper," and He is Coming stage-I found it a great diversion to minto New York to Earn \$3,000 a Week.

London, Jan. 4.—It has taken as much turned his head in the least, nor has he time and labor to persuade Albert Chevaller changed in his tastes or habits since he ch

to their entreaties. His logic was upanswerable. He preferred London. Here he was famous, prosperous, contented. He dld not care for travel. He did not care for money, since he had already enough. The change would disturb him. Besides, the Americans would never understand his

And, as it happened, if Chevaller had been playing his cards elaborately with a view to securing the most glittering possible offer for an American appearance, he could not have done better. No one who knows him entertains this idea for a moment, but there is general satisfaction at the knowledge that the coster singer has about de cided to yield to the solicitations of Messrs. Koster & Bial, who want him to enter into a contract for a New York engagement at a salary of \$3,000 a week. Doubtless the consummation of the negotiations will have been announced before this reaches New

What has caused Chevaller to yield? Without being avaricious, it is quite likely that the magnificence of this latest offer has dazzled him, and inspired him with a wish to earn a salary that will make his comrades of "the 'alls" open-mouthed with astonishment. And doubtless the importunities of his friends had something to do with it, to say nothing of the importunities of Koster & Bial, who were desperately desirous of doing something brilliant to off-set the triumph achieved by their hated rival in securing Yvette Gullbert. The success of the Frenchwoman, too, doubtless convinced Chevaller that even if his New York audiences did not understand his songs they would understand his salary and treat him with distinguished consideration on that account

"Yes, yes," he said to me, in his pecu liarly quiet and gentle tone, when I spoke to him about his projected trip. "The dekind of thing, you know-but otherwise It's practically arranged."

"And are you satisfied with your pros

Financially, you mean? Oh, yes. Messrs Koster & Bial are treating me awfully well. And, after all, it seems the proper thing to do nowadays to make an American torre I resisted the idea for a long

I don't know. Habit, I suppose And a dread of encountering audiences who would not be in sympathy with my work. Even now I feel a little diffident about it. It's impossible, you'see, that people in New York should understand the coster char-

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This surprising little artist is slow to move. His prejudices are very strong. He is inclined to be insular in his views. The prespect of a violent change in the placid current of his life startles him, and causes him to shrink, abashed.

Ever since he first achieved his remarkable fame his friends have been trying to induce him to accept the handsome offers with which he has been showered by American managers. But Chevaller was stubborn to their entreaties. His logic was managers. But Chevaller was stubborn to their entreaties. His logic was managers and so is his speech, but his eyes are tionate husband and a proud father, as well as being an ardent lover and a genius at repartee."

"And when did you begin to interpret his virtues to others?"

"Oh! a long time ago. To my friends. first of all. I wrote some coster songs, some to my own music, and others to the loompositions of Grook and others. They were published, but the public did not the stage coster, but somehow he wasn't care to buy them. I used to sing them at the comedy in its portrayal of paternal p

"Because it interested me. Long before

Chevalier Proposes to "Sweet 'Lizer."



Li ner! Sweet Li ner! If yerdie an old maidyou'll hve on by yerself to blatte



replar out an out or. Shews dear good old gal.

"there's lots of humor about the coster, Nightly I warbles 'ere for your reply. and I've tried to portray it in my own way. Summer 'as gone and its a-freezin' now, But there are many other things besides Still love's a burnin' in me 'cart, I vow, humor, and I've tried to portray them, too. Just as it did that appy night in M'y, "How did you come to make a study of the coster character?"

I ever dreamed of giving coster impersona- Next came a song of an entirely different tions-much less going on the music hah character. It detailed the hilarious ad-

The "Little Nipper" is full of delicious comedy in its portrayal of paternal pride. Describing the precocity of his youngster.

Ell stick up like a Briton for 'is pals. And aint'e just a terror wiv the gals! I loves to see 'im cuttin' of a dash, A walkin' down our alley on the mash. But funnier still are the words spoken,

Only larst Sunday me an' the missus took 'im out for a walk-I should say 'e took h'us out. As we was a-comin' 'one I says to the old gal, "Let's pop into the Broker's Arms and 'are a drop o' beer. She didn't r'ise no h'objection, so h'in we goes, follered by 'is nibs-I'd forgotten all about'im. I goes to the bar and calls for two pots of four 'arf. Suddenly I feels 'im a-tuggin at my coat. "Wots up?" says I. "Wot did yer call for?" says'e. "Two pots o' four 'arf." says I. "Oh!" says'e, "Aint mother goin' to 'ave none?"

And here is a verse from "Mrs 'Enery 'Awkins:" She wears a h'artful bonnet, feathers stuck

upon it. Coverin' a fringe all eurled; She's about the sweetest, prettiest and neatest Doner in the wide, wide world! And she'll be Mrs. 'Awkins, Mrs. 'Enry

'Awkins-Got'er for to nyme the d'y; Settled it larst Monday, so to church on Sundan

Off we trots the donkey shay!

Oh, Lizer! Sweet Lizer! If yer die an old maid you'll 'ave h'only yerself to blyme! D'y 'ear, Lizer' Dear Lizer! 'Ow d' yer fancy 'Awkins for yer other nyme?

Perhaps, however, the most popular of Chevaller's songs is "My Old Dutch," in which a costermonger pays a tribute to the virtues of his wife. There is a touch of homely sentiment in this song that appeals to all classes of hearers. Here is the last

I sees yer, Sal, yer pretty ribbons sportin'! Many years now, old gal, since them young days o' courtin'.

I aint a coward, still I trust Wen we've to part, as part we must, That death may come and take me fust, To wait my pal.

We've been together now for forty years, Au' it don't seem a d'y too much. There aint a lydy livin' in the land As I'd swop for my dear Old Dutch.

IN VAUDEVILLE'S REALM.

NEW PLAYS GALORE THIS WEEK.

"Phimmiq Fadden" Will Make His First Bow, and Henry Arthur Jones's Catest Effort Will Be Seen.

Chevalier "Knocks 'Em in the Old Kent Road."



Road! Knuck'd'em in the Old Kent

Oh, 'Arriet! Pm w'iting, w'iting for you, my dear;
Oh, 'Arriet! Pm w'iting, w'iting alone out 'ere.

Pren that moon shall cease to shoine
Faulse will be this 'eart of moine.
Pm bound to go on lovin' yer, my dear—
(Spoken) Pye'ear?

You aint forgotten 'ow we drove that d'y Doven to the Welkh' Arp in me donkey sh'y.
Folks with a "Chy-lke" shouted, "Aint they smart?"
Foul tooked a queen, me every inch a Bart. Seemed that the mohe was s'ying, "Do me yroud!"
Mine was the nobliest wrount in the crowd. Me in my pearlies felt a toff that d'y, Down at the Welsh' Arp shich is 'Endonw'y.

Eight months ago, and things is still the syme.

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Gus and the midget Monday, Ingo, the talking pony: Professor Horman and Mary Martin. In the theatre there will be two companies, one devoted to variety and the other to furce comedy. The latter will produce a one-act comedy. The latter will be suffered an embarrassment of riches in matters theatrical. New plays were showered so thick and fast upon them that it has been a difficult matter to choose between attractions. For this week a little relaxation is offered, there being but three new plays and an opera that is new three new plays and an opera that is

brief outline of the plot of the drama has been given out but judging from advance notices it is on the lines of "The Scarlet Letter." Henry Miller has the principal male character. He impersonates a stern, ascetic clergyman who falls under the spell of a fasciniting woman. He falls from his high estate through love for the charmer, and his after career is one of renunciation and repentance. Viola Allen is the siren who captivates him. Other characters are played by William Faver-sham, J. E. Dodson, J. H. Stoddart, W. J. Ferguson, Robert Edeson, Joseph Humphreys, James Lee Tinney, J. P. Whitman, John Sorenty, Mary Hampton, Agnes Miller, Elsie De Wolfe, Olive May, May Robson, Ida Conquest, Amy Busby, Adrienne Dairolles, Genevieve Reynolds and Ellen

Another change will be made in John Hare's bill to-morrow night at Abbey's Theatre, when he will be seen in "A Quiet Rubber," adapted from the French by Charles Coghian, Mr. Hare won great fame abroad in this play, which was first brought to public notice in French by M Lesueur. The cast is as follows:

Lord Kilelaré John Hare
Charles (his son) Gilbert Hare
Mr. Sullvan Charles Grovas
Mary (his daughter) Nellie Thorna

"A Quiet Rubber" will follow "A Pair of Spectacles" every night except Tuesday and Thursday, when "Comedy and Trag-edy" will be substituted. This is Mr. Hare's last week in this city. Sarah Bern, kardt begins her American engagement at

Abbey's January 20.

The oft-postponed revival of "Mefistofele" is now positively announced for "Medistofele" is now positively announced for Wednesday night at the Metropolitan Opera House. It is to a certain extent new to this city, for it is years since it was heard here, and never with a cast of such excellence. Mmc. Calve will make her first appearance as Margharita and Elena. With her are associated Mme. Mantelli, Signor Cromonial Signor Vanut and Federard de

